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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on June 25, 2004, **RAYFORD P. WILLIAMS**, age 33, an inmate at the federal correctional facility located in Greenville, Illinois, was sentenced in the United States District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois for Count 1, Possession of a Prohibited Object (Cocaine) While an Inmate at a U.S. Penitentiary, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1791(a)(2); and Count 2, Possession of a Prohibited Object (Heroin) While an Inmate at a U.S. Penitentiary, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1791(a)(2). **WILLIAMS** was sentenced to 27 months' imprisonment on each count, to run concurrently with each other and consecutive to his current imprisonment term, as well as 2 years' supervised release on each count, to run concurrently with each other and with his current supervised release sentence. In addition, **WILLIAMS** was ordered to pay a \$200 special assessment. The violations took place between April 28, 2002 and April 30, 2002 in Bond County, Illinois.

At the time of the guilty plea, the parties stipulated that, on April 28, 2002, an officer monitoring inmates at the visiting room at the federal correctional facility at Greenville, Illinois, noticed **WILLIAMS** swallow some unknown object. On April 29, 2002, correctional officers recovered a balloon from **WILLIAMS'** feces. Inside the balloon was a white powder-like substance which field tested positive for cocaine. On April 30, 2002, correctional officers recovered another balloon from his feces which contained a powdery substance that field tested positive for heroin.

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Correctional Facility at Greenville, Illinois, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Angela Scott.